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Blue Flag, JTFEX exercises soar at Barksdale

BY CAPT. CARLA PAMPE
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After nearly two weeks of intense training involving thousands of people nationwide, Exercise Blue Flag 05-01 and Joint Training Task Force Exercise 05-02 officially wrapped up Monday.

"The exercise went extremely well – better than we thought it might, given the vast number of Air Operations Center warfighters who needed training," said Col. Jeffry Smith, 608th Air Operations Group commander, who served as the Combined Air and Space Operations Center director for the exercise. "Most of the 8th Air Force staff are very experienced in the AOC weapon system, so we ended up doing more instructing, which helped build another cadre of AOC-trained warriors."

The purpose of Blue Flag was to certify 8th Air Force staff for deployment to a Combined Air and Space Operations Center. Similarly, JTFEX certified members of the U.S. Third Fleet's Carl Vinson Carrier Group for deployment. This year marked the first time these two exercises have been combined. In addition to members from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines, members of the British Royal Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force also participated in the exercise.

"This gave us an opportunity to work the complex issues involved with putting all three of the 'force' components together and test our ability to integrate our fires," said Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, who served as the Combined Forces Air Component commander for the exercise. "It provided a steep learning curve."

Colonel Smith said this type of training is vital to those operating an AOC.

"This training is as essential to the AOC weapon system as much as it is to our aircrews who carry out their missions over the battlefield," he said. "An exercise like Blue

Flag is critical to that training because we need robust and dynamic play of a multi-hundred sortie per day flight operation to fully test the system, including time sensitive targeting, search and rescue, theater ballistic missile defense and classified and sensitive information warfare operations."

By all accounts, the feedback 8th Air Force received was positive, the colonel said.

"Even those areas where we agreed needed additional attention for future exercises were of a positive nature," Colonel Smith said. "Many of the U.S. Navy personnel

were highly experienced in AOC operations, as were the majority of the British and Australian players, but those who experienced their first-ever play in an AOC weapon system were tremendously impressed, and left with a much better understanding of operational-level air warfare."

For members of the coalition, including the Royal Australian Air Force, the training was about integration with other forces.

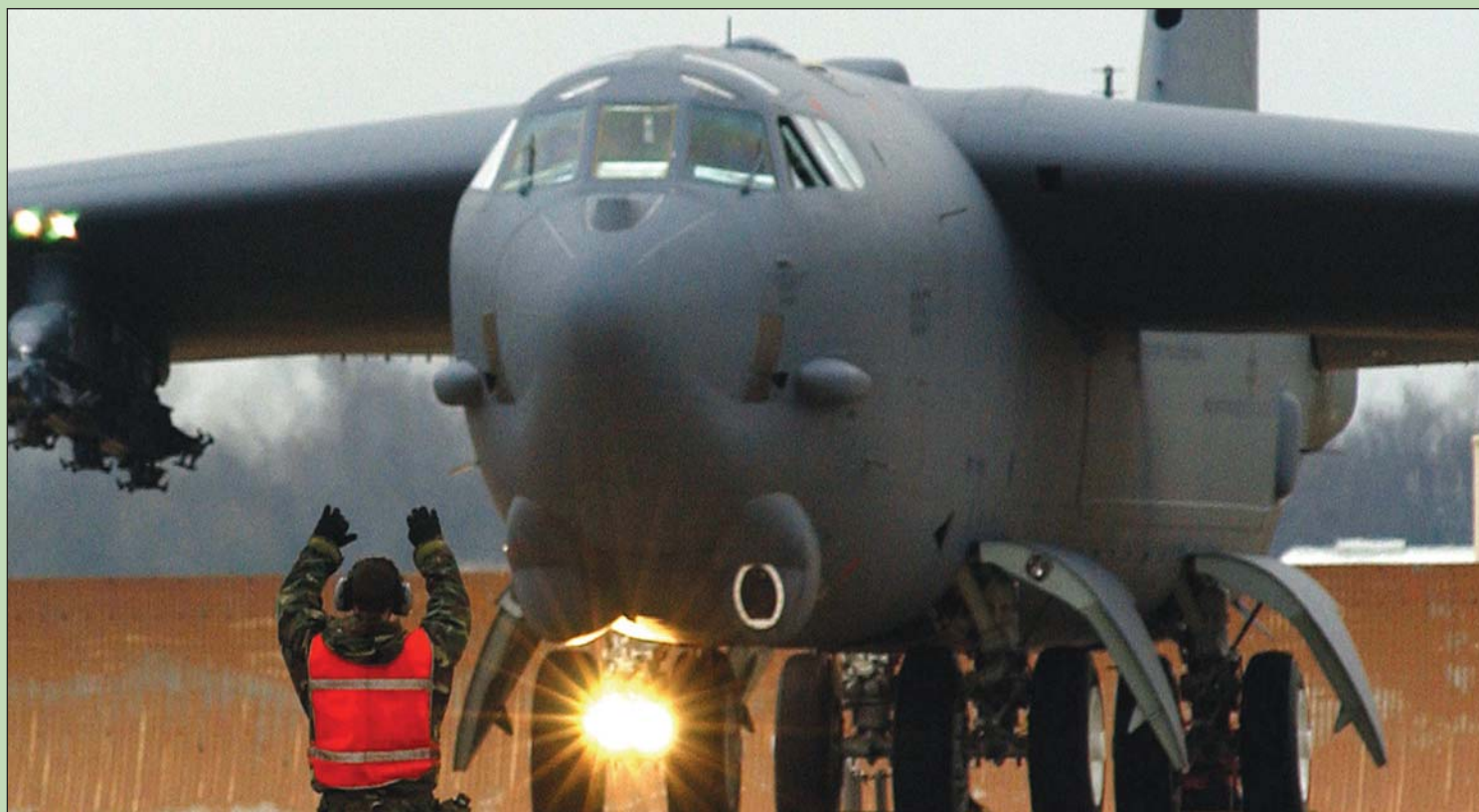
"For us, it's working with the coalition partners, and understanding how we do the job as opposed to how they do it, so we can step smoothly into that environment if we

need to," said Squadron Leader (Maj.) Chris Robson.

Colonel Smith felt the training easily met all requirements by 8th Air Force and the other components involved.

"In my view as the AOC director, I'm confident we far exceeded our training requirements," he said.

General Carlson said, "All [components and services] involved felt like it was well worth their while to participate, and are looking forward to the next opportunity to train in this forum again – it was a home run!"



Airman 1st Class Trina Flannagan/2d CS

Ready for takeoff

A crew chief guides a B-52 onto the flightline during the Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise that ended Wednesday. See Pages 10 and 11 for a story and pictures of the exercise.

Weekend Weather



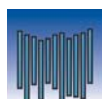
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Courtesy 26th Operational Weather Squadron

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Men and women in blue march at Inaugural parade

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Army Gamblers flush out 2d CES in basketball

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours	11th Bomb Squadron	20th Bomb Squadron	30th Bomb Squadron
Goal:	341.7	218.7	420.9
Flown:	286.2	180.6	376.4
Remaining:	55.5	38.1	44.5
As of:			
Jan. 28	-12.2	-17.7	+12.1

Courtesy 2d Operations Group



Behavior brings concern

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Deuce warriors — I am worried! Since we have come back from the holidays there has been a “spike” in the number of accidents, incidents, driving under the influence citations and arrests both on- and off-base. I know business is booming and we are extremely busy with operational deployments and realistic combat training, plus the daily work of maintaining and improving the base. However, this requires an even greater focus than ever before; there is simply no more room for silly mistakes or substandard behavior.

Here’s why I am concerned — our ground and in-flight mishaps increased from 18 in December to 26 in January. Last year, we sustained more than \$70,000 in damage to government or leased vehicles, and we are on track for more than \$125,000 this year. Most of these are caused by inattention, driving too fast or simple laziness (hitting another vehicle while pulling up very close to talk with the other driver without getting out of the truck). Additionally, we have already had two charges for driving under the influence in January and our arrests downtown are also increasing! So far, there have been no serious injuries, but it is just a matter of time before a catastrophe occurs.

Each of you play an important role in our success. If you know someone who is breaking the rules or putting themselves in dangerous spots and you don’t act, you clearly do not understand our vector and the importance of taking care of each other. We must demand excellence from each other, hold each other accountable, praise our top performers and correct those who cannot meet Air



Force standards. As good wingmen, we must expect this from each other if we are to build that special level of teamwork and trust.

Each person across Team Barksdale must also look inward and accept the personal responsibility to be the very best at what we do and who we are. Don’t delay — start today and make it your special mission to refocus on the duty; ensure you act professionally on-and off-duty while using good personal risk management to lower the potential for accidents. The mighty Deuce and the base depend on you to do the job right the first time every time while striving every day to make us stronger and better.

We must stop this negative trend right now before our luck runs out. We cannot afford to have one more person hurt or injured, so let’s keep our heads in the game. I expect supervisors at every level to know their people and emphasize the importance of risk management. I demand that every single warrior take it upon him or herself to step up and use good judgment, exert leadership and integrity every minute of every day. Those are high expectations but certainly goals that we must match if we are to stay ready to fight!

Action line: playground sand is for safety

Query: I live in base housing and we have a playground in the back yard that is full of sand. Some-times, the older kids in the neighborhood come around and throw sand at the younger kids. I would like to see the sand removed and some action taken by the parents of the older children.

Response: Thank you for your question. The sand in the playground is there as a safety buffer to soften the landing when children fall. Removing the sand would make for hard landings, so we must keep the sand where it is.

However, kids should feel safe

wherever they play so if you see misbehavior, please let us know by notifying the 2d Security Forces Squadron.

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Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Second impact is often deadliest

BY TECH. SGT. JOE WINFIELD

2D BOMB WING SAFETY OFFICE

Americans love football, hotdogs, apple pie and wearing seatbelts. Well, maybe Americans aren't too thrilled about wearing seatbelts.

In fact, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Transportation, there were 16,566 fatalities in 2004 in which restraints were not used. The state of Louisiana suffered 407 traffic fatalities due to failure to wear seatbelts during the same period.

What many people don't realize is that during most vehicle accidents, occupants experience two separate impacts. First, there is the initial impact. This occurs when the vehicle hits another object. This impact alone may not be enough to cause serious harm. However, a second impact is often the culprit of most car accident injuries.

Sir Isaac Newton's first law of motion comes into play here. Simply put, the law states that every object will remain in motion until acted upon by an outside force.

This is where the second impact can become deadly. The second impact occurs inside the vehicle after the force from the initial impact turns the occupants into flying projectiles, slamming them into the dashboard, windshield, or other parts of the interior. Unlike a vehicle that can be repaired or replaced, the human body isn't easily repaired and is impossible to replace.

Nothing can prevent the second collision; it's a law of physics. The only thing that can be done is

to reduce its severity. Fortunately, there is a device inside your car that is designed for just that purpose: your seatbelt.

The seatbelt wraps across the torso and waist of the passenger to give the body something softer to absorb the impact. It also helps protect your body from being injured by the unyielding hard surfaces of metal and plastic in the inside of your car.

Seatbelts keep you behind the wheel where you can continue to drive and possibly take further evasive action, and also prevent you from being ejected from the vehicle — one of the biggest causes of motor vehicle fatalities.

Many new cars come with airbags. This feature gives some motorists a false sense of security. Airbags are passive devices, not active systems like seatbelts that require your action to latch. Passive can be good, because it's easy, but may not necessarily be as effective.

The deployment of an airbag alone during a high-speed collision will not be enough to save lives in many cases. Although some new cars offer side airbags, many do not. Dash mounted airbags offer no protection for collisions from the side or rear, only the front. Airbags are designed to complement seatbelts, not replace them.

What choices do we have? Without the belt, people can look forward to skull fractures, facial lacerations, broken teeth, ribs and other nasty internal injuries and in the worst case, even death. The final decision is up to you. I know what choice I'll make. Remember, if the first impact doesn't get you the second one just might.



Barksdale Airmen support inaugural parade



STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Two Barksdale members were part of a little-known group of Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guardsmen that provided behind-the-scenes military support for presidential inaugural activities Jan. 20.

The Joint Task Force-Armed Forces Inaugural Committee provided all military ceremonial support for various 55th presidential inaugural events.

Tech. Sgt. Lori Lambert, 608th Air Support Squadron services planner and Staff Sgt. Tyann Strawderman, 608th ASPTS information manager, had the opportunity to support inaugural activities.

Sergeants Lambert and Strawderman were in Washington, D.C., in support of President Bush's second inaugural activities from Jan. 2 through the inauguration events Jan. 24.

Sergeant Lambert was the lead horse controller assisting in bringing 166 horses from around the country.

"I helped coordinate getting the horses to (Washington) D.C., boarding them in stables, getting them to the parade and into their spots in the parade," Sergeant Lambert said.

Sergeant Strawderman was in charge of a section of the parade that had about 3,000 people.

"The parade participants would ride up in a bus and we

would get them into their elements and line them up," Sergeant Strawderman said.

"This was an outstanding experience, I loved being a part of it," Sergeant Strawderman said. "It was a great honor to be a part of history."

"It was an exciting and fantastic opportunity," Sergeant Lambert said. "It was a great chance to show our commander in chief support."

The Joint Task Force-Armed Forces Inaugural Committee had about 700 servicemembers who came from all five armed services.

The U.S. military has been involved in every presidential inauguration since 1789, when America's first president, George Washington, was sworn in as chief executive and military commander in chief.

Brig. Gen. Duane Lodrige, the committee's deputy commander, said support included military cannon salute teams, trumpeters and phalanxes of marching servicemembers and bands. More than 5,000 U.S. servicemembers participated in inaugural activities during January 2001. About 5,600 participated in this year's Inauguration Day events. This included 200 ushers and 5,000 parade marchers and cordon members.

About 400 servicemembers were tasked as presidential escorts and accompanied President Bush down Pennsyl-

vania Avenue en route to the White House after his swearing-in at the Capitol.

The theme for the 2005 inaugural activities was "Celebrating Freedom and Honoring Service."

"Nobody does the 'pomp and circumstance' better than the military," the general said. The armed services "have a long heritage of doing that."

The general said the president recognizes the sacrifices servicemembers are making in the war against terrorism and "wanted to do some special things for the military" as part of this year's inaugural activities, including a two-hour "Salute to Those Who Serve" entertainment gala for the military that President Bush hosted Jan. 18.

After the swearing-in ceremony and parade that followed, General Lodrige said the commander in chief hosted an evening military ball for 2,000 mostly junior servicemembers and thanked them for their service.

Months before the presidential election, the committee began collecting and organizing applications from bands and other performers wanting to participate in the inaugural parade, according to the organization's Web site. This eases the burden on the incoming Presidential Inaugural Committee, which selects parade participants.

Uniform update: new guidance allows one PDA or cellphone

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Like all aspects of Air Force life, rules governing the wear of our uniform are always changing. The Air Force chief of staff made recommendations of the 96th Uniform Board official when approving them recently. Here's a run down of the significant changes to AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

- Added "No hands in pockets authorized" to AFI 36-2903
- Authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors
- Authorize the black scarf only with all Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options

- Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt or clipped to the strap of a purse

Additional guidance was sent regarding this change. It reads, "Members may carry either a personal or government issued cell phone and they must be solid in color or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and must be conservative. They may be clipped to the waistband or purse or carried in the left hand. Only one may be worn at a time. Cell phones will not be used while walking in uniform. Hands-free headsets are not authorized while in uniform."

- Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform

- Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform

- Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms

- Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts

- Authorize baseball caps to be worn not only at home station but also on temporary duty in the continental United States. The baseball cap is not allowed at overseas locations

For a complete list of changes to AFI 36-2903, visit the Military Personnel Flight or see a first sergeant.

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Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez/AFNEWS

New Airman handbook

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray addresses Air Force basic training students of the 326th Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, before presenting each of them the new Airman handbook. The handbook is a pocket-sized book that covers heritage, national leaders, Air Force operations and a variety of military related topics. A copy is being provided to every new Airman.

AF Assistance Fund kicks off Feb. 14

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off Feb. 22 to April 4.

The AFAF is one of the officially sanctioned fundraisers recognized by the Air Force that raises money for activities.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund.

"We've not yet established a goal for Barksdale," said Capt. John De Vincenzo, 2d Bomb Wing AFAF point of contact. "Barksdale Raised \$92,953 last year."

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired servicemembers, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32d year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

"The need for (Air Force Aid Society) assistance remains strong," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. "Last year, the Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance — that is a lot of help."

"Contributions are vital for the

society to sustain this kind of help; it is truly an Airmen-helping-Airmen program," General McGinty said.

"Anyone can contribute--active duty, Reserve, Guard, civilians, and even the local community may contribute," said Captain De Vincenzo.

"This is an important fundraiser because it may help Air Force members who are unable to pay for unexpected car problems, medical bills, funeral expenses and emergency travel that come up," Capt. De Vincenzo said.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to any of the charities that make up the AFAF.

There are four main charities that the AFAF consists of the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund, Air Force Enlisted Village, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, Air Force Village and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The Air Force Aid Society provides Airmen and their families worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. Information is available online at www.afas.org.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the Air Force Enlisted Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older. More information is available online at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.info@lemayfoundation.org.

For more information on any of the AFAF programs, visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at ww.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vote-fund or Barksdale's Air Force Assistance Fund manager, Captain De Vincenzo at 456-1073.



BARKSDALE'S AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
THE BOMBARDIER

An Airman from the 2d Medical Support Squadron earned Barksdale's Airman of the Month for January.

Senior Airman Belinda Avars, a diagnostic imaging specialist, grew up in Green Bay, Wis., and enjoys working out, reading and drawing.

Though Airman Avars knows her hard work helped earn the award, she also attributes her success to those around her on a daily basis.

"I have been up for the board before so I pretty much knew what I was in for, but my flight gave me plenty of encouragement," she said. "Right before, my coworkers gave me a good final uniform check the day of the final board."

Tech. Sgt. Brenadette Powell, NCO in charge of Airman Avars' flight, had strong confidence in her getting the award.

"Airman Ayars was well-prepared; she is one of those Airmen who wants to succeed," Sergeant Powell said. "Airman Ayars can accomplish anything she puts her mind to. She wants to get it right the first time. Her Air Force career is unlimited."

Airman Avars holds her Airman of the Month achievement in high regard, in addition to many other achievements she's recently accomplished.

"I won Airman of the Month for the wing in November of last year, as well Airman of the Year for my squadron last year," she said. "I received senior airman below the zone last March and this summer received my national registry in diagnostic imaging."

Airman Avars said her family was happy about her



Senior Airman Belinda Ayars

achievement and their teachings were instrumental in her success.

"My family was very proud of me and know I'm doing good things in the Air Force," she said. "I was always taught that working hard pays off."

Airman Avars said familiarity was one of her key assets in going up for the board.

"I think I won because I was able to communicate well and showed good military bearing," she said.

She also gives two tips for Airmen wishing to follow her footsteps.

"Study the Promotion Fitness Exam," she said. "Also, be confident, after all, you are representing yourself."

Exchange no stranger to shopliftings

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

The Barksdale Base Exchange, like any off-base department store, has a shoplifting problem.

At the same time though, they have a strong way to defend themselves against it.

Since Jan. 1, Barksdale's Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives caught 18 shoplifters. Store detectives caught 159 people last year, according to Bob Smith, AAFES detective.

"We recovered \$33,042 worth of merchandise last year," Mr. Smith said.

The shoplifting demographic sees no race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Shoplifters are military members, their family members, civilians and Defense Department civilians.

Shoplifting is not just stashing unpaid merchandise and walking out of the store, but it's also switching price tags or "percentage off" tags on items or getting a refund on something that hasn't been bought.

Simply put by Capt. Afsana Ahmed, 2d Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office, "Shoplifting is any attempt to take the property of

the base exchange without paying the correct price."

The store's detectives see people of all ages shoplift anything from fingernail polish to high-priced electronics.

The most common stolen items are cosmetics, compact discs, video games, tobacco products, clothing, jewelry and watches, Mr. Smith said.

"We don't watch the shoppers, we watch our merchandise," Mr. Smith said.

To watch the store's merchandise, the base exchange has a 48-camera video surveillance system that allows the detectives to see almost anywhere in the store, from the back wall of the store to the farthest corner of the parking lot.

Store detectives use a high-tech security system to catch shoplifters.

When persons are identified as having unpaid merchandise concealed in their possession, they have until they cross the blue line at the store's entrance to change their minds and put it back on the shelf.

"Once a shoplifter has crossed the line of no return, that's when they have officially broken the law and we are able to detain them," Mr. Smith said.

"The person is then brought into

the security office to wait for security forces to come pick them up," he said. "Some people have even tried to ditch stolen merchandise in our office after we've detained them."

Store detectives release the shoplifter into the custody of security forces members.

Although consequences vary in different situations, one thing stays the same; a person caught shoplifting has their AAFES shopping privileges revoked for one year. AAFES stores include the BX, commissary, Burger King, Shoppette (including gas pumps) and theater.

One common misconception is when you sign someone into the BX and they shoplift you are not responsible.

"When you sign someone into the BX, it says on the bottom of the sheet the person cannot purchase any items, the signee must stay with them at all times and the signee is responsible for all their actions," Mr. Smith said.

Most people who shoplift have the money in their pocket to purchase the stolen item.

"In my seven years of working AAFES security, I've never caught anyone that didn't have the money to purchase the stolen item," Mr. Smith said.



Black History Month offers diverse events

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
THE BOMBARDIER

“Hold fast to dreams / for if dreams die / life is a broken-winged bird / that cannot fly.” These four lines from Langston Hughes’ poem, “Dreams,” can reflect the very dreams alive in Airmen who keep Barksdale’s planes flying every day.

Mr. Hughes is one of the many people remembered during Barksdale’s African American Heritage Committee’s Black History Month events this month.

Second Lt. Maclin Williams, AAHC president, said he is excited about the month’s itinerary because of the wide scope of events.

“This year’s committee’s ultimate goal is to give people plenty of things to do,” Lieutenant Williams said.

The month kicked off with Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, signing a proclamation Thursday in the 2d BW conference room. The wing commander brought up another important black figure’s thoughts of a dream when talking about the importance of the month’s observance on base.

“As we celebrate Black History Month and the many accomplishments of African-Americans throughout our history, I cannot help but think how far we have come from the beginnings of our nation in advancing equality — especially in our armed forces,” Colonel Moeller said. “I believe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., would be especially proud of America’s Air Force. We are working very hard to reach his dream. To paraphrase Dr. King, I am convinced that in our service today ‘all people who serve

are judged not by the color of our skin but by the quality of our accomplishment and the content of our character.’ But, we cannot rest — we must continue our efforts, not just during Black History Month, but year-round for us to truly achieve Dr. King’s dream.”

The AAHC designed the events with something for everybody in mind: an open mic poetry night showcasing Barksdale members’ talent in spoken word, singing, rapping and other performance, a Caribbean themed night and a gospel musical festival bringing people from the community on base to enjoy local talent as well as participation in gospel singing.

“We’ve got several area choirs coming in along with one main singer for the gospel festival and the event will be hosted by Bishop Sean Cooper from New Creation Family Church,” Lieutenant Williams said.

The committee also is taking advantage of February’s base fitness week by incorporating events such as a health fair, sports tournaments and other activities.

“One of our big days will be our health fair at the base exchange,” the lieutenant said. “There will be blood pressure screenings and we’re trying to get a blood drive there also, and we want to provide information about the harmful effects of smoking and stress. We also have a fun-run and a three-point basketball tournament before the upcoming Barksdale All Star game Feb. 18.”

The committee is saving the best thing for last with the Black History Month banquet Feb. 25 at the enlisted club ballroom starting at 6:30 p.m.

“The biggest thing happening during Black History Month will be the banquet,” Lieutenant Williams said. “The guest speaker is Col. William Gunn, a judge advocate from the Pentagon.”

During the banquet, winners will be selected for an essay contest the AAHC held for local students. Proceeds from the open mic and the Caribbean night events will be awarded to the winners.

Lieutenant Williams said the commit-

tee looks forward to a good turnout this month.

“We want to go out and exhibit and celebrate some things about black culture and let everyone get involved,” he said. “Black History Month is not just for black people, it’s for everyone.”

People interested in joining the AAHC or volunteering time in preparation of the events, call 2d Lt. Maclin Williams at 456-3879.

Black History Month events

Thursday — Open mic poetry night — Enlisted club 7 to 9 p.m.
Enjoy spoken word, singing and music from Barksdale’s talent

Feb. 15 — Health fair — Base exchange food court 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb 15 - Feb 17 — Volleyball and racquetball tournaments — Fitness center starting at 4 p.m. each day

Feb. 17 — Multi-cultural food taste — Chapel Two annex 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 18 — 5k Fun run — Fitness center 7:30 a.m.
3-Point basketball tournament — Fitness center 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 19 — Kids fitness day — Youth center 10 a.m. to noon

Feb. 19 — Caribbean night — Club Adams, Holiday Inn, 2015 Old Minden Road. Call 1st Lt. Brian Cooks at 456-1235 for more information.

Feb. 20 — Gospel music festival — Chapel Two Annex 5 to 8 p.m.
Guest host is Bishop Sean Cooper from New Creation Family Church

Feb. 22 — Couple seminar — Chapel Two annex
Call Master Sgt. Kathy Cuffie at 456-1369 for more information.

Feb. 25 — Banquet — Enlisted club — 6:30 p.m.
Guest speaker is Col. William Gunn, Air Force judge advocate

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THE CORE

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CORE proves 2d BW Airmen ‘Second to None’

BY STAFF SGT. KRISTINA BARRETT
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Airmen at “Fire Base Deuce” settled in for the long haul among chemical attacks, snipers and terrorist activity during the Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise Sunday through Thursday.

The Phase II exercise, the first of its kind since early 2004, is the employment phase of an operation or contingency.

“We’ve had the deployment phase, a Phase I CORE, now we’re settled at our forward location and are going to war,” said Col. Ed Barnette, 2d Bomb Wing Inspector General. “Phase II simulates wartime sorties in a location where the enemy has the capabilities to attack.”

The colonel said the purpose of the exercise is to simulate the entire spectrum of operations in the most realistic manner possible.

“We’re trying to get close to real life,” he said. “The wing is being evaluated on its ability to protect, react and continue operations without risking personnel.”

With scenarios designed to reflect the real world, terrorist activity has been high, with special operations teams whose purpose is to interrupt operations. Despite the threats and the weather, wing members’ performance impressed Chief Master Sgt. Lewis Mohr, 2d Bomb Wing command chief, who spent time Tuesday doing morale checks of exercise players.

“Everyone is giving maximum effort,” he said. “The weather may not be cooperating with the exercise, but it prepares us for when we go forward.”

The chief said he’s proud of the way Airmen across the wing have gotten into the spirit of the exercise.

From her vantage point inside the survival recovery center, Col.

Colleen Duffy, 2d Mission Support Group commander, said she feels the Airmen have been doing a superb job.

“Despite the cold, rainy weather, 2d BW warriors are doing a superb job with a ‘can do’ attitude,” she said. “Whether positioned in defensive fighting positions providing security, serving hot meals at the Warrior Center, fixing bombers on the ramp, driving buses to transport players, fighting fires, or launching sorties -- as always, the wing remains ‘Second to None.’”

One of the biggest challenges during any exercise is communication. Colonel Barnette explains that information warfare is quickly becoming the weapon of choice. Once communication is knocked out, those in the field are expected to make accurate decisions.

“We lock commanders away from their units and rely on communication to fight. Command and control, or the flow of information, is important,” he said. “Airmen in the field always excel, we need to work on leadership.”

Communication is one area the wing has learned from in past exercises.

“Communication from the wing operations center and SRC, down to the unit control centers and out to the field is going extremely well,” Colonel Duffy said. “I see this as a huge improvement from the exercise in April last year.”

Overall the wing performed well and reacted appropriately, Colonel Barnette said. He also said Airmen across the wing exhibited three very important qualities in an exercise: motivation, professionalism and resiliency.

“These Airmen know their jobs and they have the resources they need to do their jobs,” he said. “They are out there performing and living up to the commander’s vision of ‘Any Time, Any Where — Second to None.’”



Above, An Airman from the 2d Security Forces Squadron checks a simulated dead body during the CORE.

Below, Two Airmen review the Airman’s Manual during the exercise.



Photos by
Airman 1st Class
Trina Flannagan



Maj. Roger Jones, 2d Medical Operations Squadron, simulates putting stitches in an Airman’s head, to treat a mock injury during the conventional operational readiness exercise.



Airman 1st Class Corey Riley, 2d Security Forces Squadron, takes cover from simulated sniper fire during the CORE.



From left to right: Senior Airman Ferdinand Makabata, Senior Airman Blake Jordan and Staff Sgt. Pam Alvarez, 2d Medical Operations Squadron, treat a mock head injury for Senior Airman Finis Chism, 2d Communications Squadron, during the CORE.



Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Bingo mania is back

The bingo buffet and early bird bingo begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the officers club. Come for a chance to win the progressive cash jackpot or other prizes. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are welcome. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Bingo is also at the enlisted club Mondays through Fridays at 7 p.m.

Hold 'em card tournament

The hold 'em card tournament is scheduled at the enlisted club ballroom. Sign up is at 6 p.m. today and play begins at 6:30 p.m. All ranks are invited to compete for the title. All players receive a \$10 buffet meal and play is free. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Trash-n-treasures alley

A trash-n-treasures sale is scheduled Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Space rental is \$10. Call 456-5594 for more information or registration.

Child care

Before and after school care enrollment for children in kindergarten through age 12 is ongoing. This program is accredited by the National After-School Association. For more information, call 456-3448.

Frank's coming soon

Frank's Soups, Salads and Subs on Toasted Buns is coming in March to Uncle Louie's and will feature a wide variety of hot and cold sandwiches and specialty salads made for people on the go.

Miss Saigon

Gifts and Getaways has tickets to "Miss Saigon," at Shreveport's Strand Theater. The show runs March 12 and 13. Stop by the Strand box office or Gifts and Getaways in the base exchange mall for the military discount.

10 percent off

The officers club provides members with 10 percent off meals Friday to introduce the new menu. Membership application forms are available at the officers club. Stop by or call 456-4926 for more information.

Valentine's dinner for two

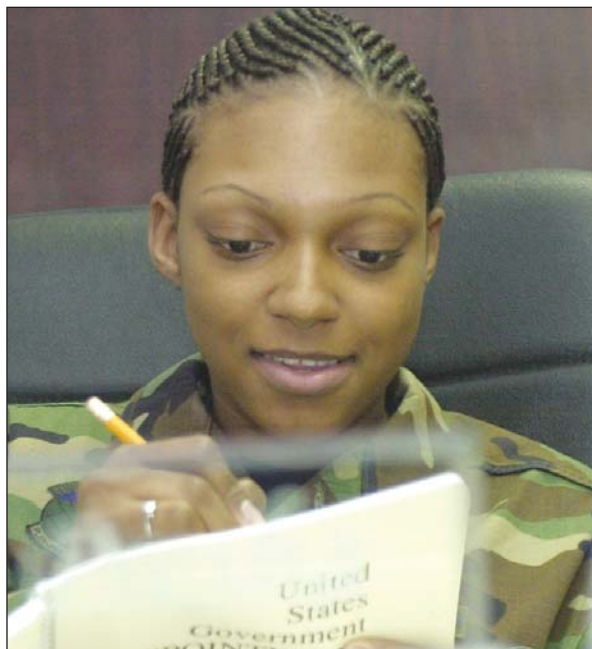
The officers club is having a Valentine's dinner for two Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. Cost is \$39.95 for member couples and \$45.95 for non-member couples. Reservations are required so call 456-4926 today.

Teen dyno rock trip

Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to attend an overnight trip to Arlington, Texas, Feb. 19 and 20 for wall mount rock climbing. The group leaves from the youth center at 11 a.m. and returns around 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and all participants must sign up in advance by calling 456-3448 or stopping by the youth center.

Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue, the premiere entertainment showcase of the Air Force, is scheduled to perform Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Bossier Civic Center. Performers will showcase hits with their own spin titled "Musicology," an intricate mixture of the musical sounds of America. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 456-4681 for more information.



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Senior Airman Janice Presha

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Husband, Zacariaous

Hometown: Point Blank, Texas.

Unit: 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron

Job title: Maintenance supply liason technician

Job description: Support B-52 and A-10 aircraft, prepare and brief mission capability status daily at 2d Bomb Wing maintenance and stand-up meetings

Most rewarding job aspect: Getting the B-52's what they need when they need it

Goals: To get my Community College of the Air Force degree and then my bachelor's degree

Hobbies: Braiding my own hair

What motivates my winning attitude: When I help others on the job and in the community

Favorite TV show: The Parkers

Favorite meal: Fried catfish, mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables

Favorite movie: Coach Carter

Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys

Favorite performer: Alicia Keys

Favorite book: The Bible

Best day of my life: When I got engaged

My best asset is: My ability to look out for other people and stay focused at the same time

Pet peeve: Not going above and beyond

Person I admire most: My mother, Measie Phipps

What I like most about Barksdale: Chapel Two Bible study

If I could change anything about Barksdale it would be: To build a new education center, one that has a central location for classes

Most influential person for you in the Air Force: Tech. Sgt. Sharhonda Anderson for leading the way, always providing good feedback and encouraging me to continue school.



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At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.
Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



"The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou"

Rated: R

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 118 minutes

Cast: Bill Murray, Owen Wilson

Synopsis: Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnappin and bankruptcy.

"Meet the Fockers"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 115 minutes

Cast: Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller

Synopsis: Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, the Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for Greg and Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrnes' are mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together.



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Barksdale Trivia

In September 1958, the 913th Air Refueling Squadron received Barksdale's first all jet-powered tanker aircraft. Named the "Ark-La-Tex," the new tanker arrived at Barksdale amid much fanfare, including local dignitaries meeting the delivery crew. What type of aircraft was it?

A. KC-97 Stratofreighter

C. KB-29 Superfortress

B. KC-135 Stratotanker

D. KC-10 Extender

Answer:

B. KC-135 Stratotanker

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.
Reservations required for all events.

Moving off-base seminar

A moving off-base seminar is scheduled Wednesday from 8-9:30 a.m. This workshop provides information on how to prepare for apartment living, roommate selection, budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. During this one-and-a-half hour workshop individual budget assessments are conducted, as well as training on debt reduction.

Single parents group

A single parents group is scheduled Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. The group provides an opportunity to make new friends, share parenting experiences with other single parents and learn new ways of balancing those many hats. This exchange of resources and information can lead to more positive and successful parenting. A light lunch is served.

Car buying seminar

A car buying seminar is scheduled Wednesday at 1 p.m. This seminar discusses the purchase, the financing and the trade-in. Legal rights are also discussed.

Resume workshop

A resume workshop is scheduled Wednesday at 6 p.m. This workshop provides valuable information including what employers look for in a resume, what information to include, optional information, inappropriate information and cover letter use and content.

Sponsor training

A sponsor training seminar is scheduled Thursday at 10 a.m. The objectives of this workshop are for each participant to understand the importance of good sponsorship and to know the responsibilities of a sponsor, the resources available for both sponsor and newcomer, and the possible effects of effective and poor sponsorship for both the sponsor and newcomer.

Cancer support group

A cancer support group meeting is scheduled Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join others in sharing their feelings, exchanging information and coping with the emotional side of cancer. Guest speakers are often included and a light lunch is served.

Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support during times of separation. This briefing prepares active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for times of separation.

Community briefs

Chapel informaiton

Chapel One is located at 275 Barksdale Boulevard East and Chapel Two is located at 724 Douhet Drive. Call the chapel at 456-2111 for information on chapel services.

Dining hall information

Call 456-7733 for menu information from the Red River Inn dining facility. Call 456-4769 for menu information from the flight kitchen.



Sports shorts

Men's varsity basketball game

The men's varsity basketball team plays Bossier Parish Community College Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Airline High School in Bossier City.

Cheerleading tryouts

The Bombers Cheerleading tryouts are scheduled Feb. 28 through March 2. Participants must be at least 18 years old, male or female. People with no experience are welcome. A meeting is scheduled Feb. 17 at noon at the sports and fitness center and 6:30 p.m. at the Bossier Parish Central Library. There are two squads: the varsity squad cheers for base teams and the competition squad. Participants may join both squads. Call Miss Mandy Griggs at 617-6736 or 965-3997 or Airman 1st Class Nicole Echols at 285-5813 or e-mail her at chernenko.echols@barksdale.af.mil for more information.

Couples fishing tournament

Outdoor recreation hosts a Valentine's Day couples fishing tournament Feb. 12 at the Flag Lake housing dock. Participants will compete for the biggest fish of the day. The tournament is a catch and release with a half-pound penalty for dead fish. Cost is \$20 per couple (one man, one woman). Each participant must possess a Louisiana and base fishing permit. Prizes are determined by the number of participants. Registration is today. Call 456-7765 for more information.

Red River Super Bowl party

The Red River Dining facility hosts a Super Bowl party Sunday which features hot wings, pizza, smoked sausage, popcorn, soda and a half-time raffle giveaway. Regular dinner is also served. Call 456-8367 for more information.

Enlisted Lounge Super Bowl party

The Enlisted Lounge hosts a Super Bowl party Sunday. Enjoy \$10 buckets of beer and \$1 hotdogs. One fan will take home a new big screen T.V. Designated drivers will receive sodas free of charge throughout the game. Call 456-4926 for details.

Free T-shirt

The fitness center offers the Run, Walk or Bike to Disney World Program. Participants track their cardio miles on a special mileage log. They are awarded a T-shirt when they reach 1,000 miles. All forms of cardio are accepted and mileage is based on the honor system. Pick up a mileage log at the fitness center front desk. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Basketball standings

	W	L
2d SVS	8	0
2d CES	6	1
2d OG	5	1
2d MDG	5	5
Army	4	3
2d CS	4	5
2d AMXS	3	2
2d LRS	3	5
Navy/Marines	3	5
2d MSS/2d MOS	3	6
8th AF	2	5
2d MXS	2	5
2d MUNS	1	6

Standings as of Tuesday

Army defeats top ranked 2d CES 53-52

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Army defeated the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron 53-52 during intramural basketball action Jan. 26 at the sports and fitness center.

Army, also known as The Gamblers, won on a last second put-back by Michael Talton.

The Army had three players in double digits and was led in scoring by Rosella Scott who had 21 points. Scott was followed in scoring by LaDaryl Franklin with 16, David Stanford with 11, Michael Talton with 5 and Lenzy Morris with 2.

"I was on tonight and I could just feel it," Scott said, Army's leading scorer. "The team just kept feeding me the ball and I was just in the right position to score."

Every player on the 2d CES team got on the scoreboard, led by Malachi Blade and Kenyatta Zimmerman both with 13. Rodrick Hill contributed 10, Shayne Wright added 7, Rashad Green had 6, Mike Washington had 5 and NoahPatrick Rios had 4.

The game started out with 2d CES winning the opening tip-off.

The 2d CES started out with an 8-2 lead until Army answered back with a fast break lay-up.

At the 6:57 mark Army took their first lead of the game on a three-pointer making the score 16-15.

After having their lead slip away, 2d CES didn't give up and went on a 7-0 run to take a 22-16 lead but didn't stop there. The team's traded baskets until the end of the first half giving 2d CES a 30-24 half-time lead.

"CE (2d CES) is a three-point shooting team so we had to extend our zone to shut them down," Scott said.

The teams exchanged baskets in the beginning of the second half until the 7:20 mark when Army pulled within one point of having their second lead of the game, making the score 45-46.

The Gamblers then took the lead and made the score 47-46. They held onto their lead with neither team scoring a basket until 2d CES tied it up with a free throw at the 3:02 mark.

But Army didn't give up. The teams exchanged baskets until 2d CES made three of their next four freethrows to take a 52-49 lead. Army got the ball back and dribbled the ball across half court and quickly called a timeout with 19 seconds left in the game.

On the following play, Army came out and ran a play to get a three-point shot but found an open man under the basket for a score to make the score 52-51 in favor of 2d CES.

With the game clock winding down, 2d CES inbounded the ball only to watch it roll out of bounds and into Army's possession with seven seconds left.

Only needing two points, The Gamblers inbounded to point guard Franklin who missed a pull-up jump shot from the freethrow line, but Talton tipped the rebound in for the go-ahead points as time expired.

"We played very good defense tonight

and got back on the transitions well," Franklin said. "They (2d CES) did not get many points on the run during transitions and that kept us in the game."

The 2d CES coach, Gregory Williams, said his team didn't make the proper effort to come away with the win.

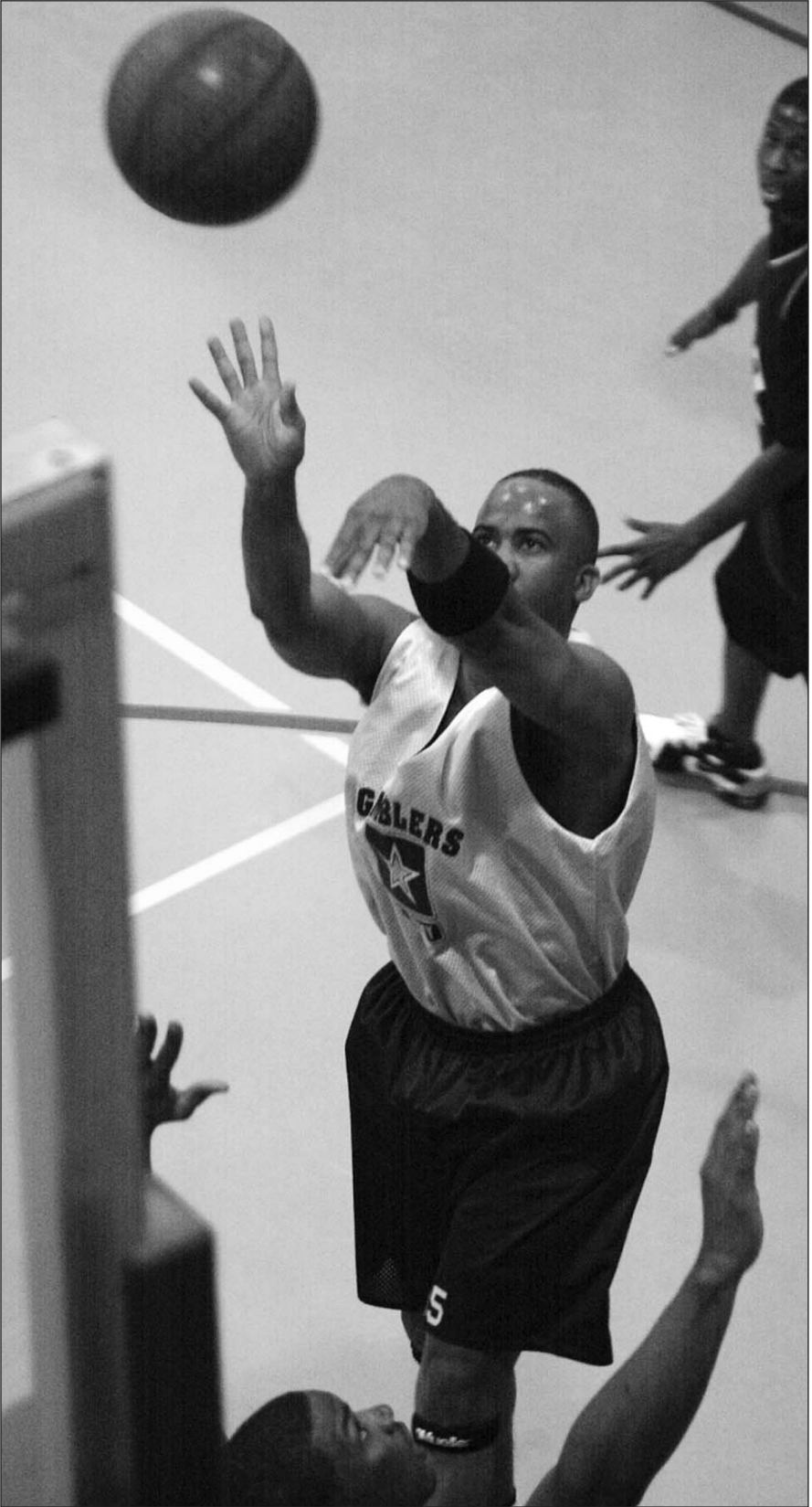
"We simply got out-played and out-hustled," Williams said. "We just gotta play like we're the team that others are shooting for because we are that team."

Williams' team was outscored 31-22 in the second half and knows where his team needs to make corrections.

"We have to work on defense," Williams said. "Defense wins games, offense just looks good."

With the win, Army moves to 4-3 on the season while 2d CES dropped to 6-1.

"We started the season cold losing our first three games," Franklin said. "But now we're on a four-game win streak."



Airman 1st Class Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

The Gambler's Rosella Scott, shoots over a 2d Civil Engineer Squadron defender for one of his 21 points in their 53-52 upset of top-ranked 2d CES.